

Application No.: 10/077,853**Docket No.: 30007315-2 (1509-281)****Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising a first computer node coupled to a network, the first node being arranged to provide a service to a second computer node via a connection over the network; a controller for determining the ability of the second node to access [[to]] the service based upon a digital credential associated with the connection, the controller being arranged to vary the ability of the second node to access [[to]] the service over the connection in response to a change in status of the digital credential to thereby enable a level of the service to be varied during the connection.
2. (Original) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the controller forms part of the first computer node.
3. (Original) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the digital credential is an attribute credential of an entity associated with the second computer node.
4. (Original) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein the first computer

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node is arranged to provide the service to a plurality of computer nodes via a plurality of respective connections over the network.

5. (Original) A computer system according to claim 4, wherein the controller is suitable for arranging digital credentials into groups, each group being associated with one or more respective secure connections to allow a user to monitor the status of the digital credentials associated with a secure connection.

6. (Original) A computer system according to claim 4, wherein the controller is suitable for arranging digital credentials into groups, each group being associated with one or more respective secure connections to allow the controller to control the digital credentials according to a policy.

7. (Currently amended) A computer system according to claim 1, further comprising a digital register for listing the status of digital credentials; a monitoring arrangement means for monitoring the digital register for changes in the status of a digital credential, wherein the controller is adapted to be responsive to the monitoring arrangement means for varying access to the service in response to [[a]] the change in status of the digital credential.

8. (Currently amended) A computer node for providing a service to a second computer node via a connection over a network, the computer node comprising a

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controller for determining the ability of the second node to access to ~~[[the]]~~ service based upon a digital credential associated with the connection, the controller being arranged to vary the ability of the second node to access ~~[[to]]~~ the service over the connection in response to a change in status of the digital credential to thereby enable a level of the service to be varied during the connection.

9. (Original) A computer node according to claim 8, wherein the service is provided to a plurality of computer nodes via a plurality of respective connections over the network.

10. (Original) A computer node according to claim 9, wherein the controller is suitable for arranging digital credentials into groups, the groups being associated with a respective secure connection to allow a user to monitor the status of the digital credentials associated with a secure connection.

11. (Original) A computer node according to claim 9, wherein the controller is suitable for arranging digital credentials into groups, the groups being associated with a respective secure connection to allow the controller to control the digital credentials according to a policy.

12. (Currently amended) A controller for determining access to a service provided by a first computer node to a second computer node via a connection over a network, the controller being arranged to vary access by the second computer node to the service

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over the connection in response to a change in status of a digital credential associated with the connection to thereby enable a level of the service to be varied during the connection.

13. (Currently amended) A method of providing a service, the method comprising establishing a connection between a first computer node and a second computer node via a network; providing a service for the second computer node from the first computer node via the connection; determining the ability of the second node to access [[to]] the service based upon a digital credential associated with the connection; varying the ability of the second node to access [[to]] the service over the connection in response to a change in status of the digital credential so a level in the ability of the second node to access the service is varied during the connection.

14. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising a first computer node coupled to a network, the first node being arranged to provide a service to a second computer node via a connection over the network; a controller for determining the ability of the second node to access [[to]] the service based upon a digital credential associated with the connection, the first node having memory for storing the digital credential associated with the connection and a display for presenting to a user information associated with the digital credential.

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15. (Currently amended) A computer system according to claim 14, wherein the first node further comprises a controller for arranging digital credentials into groups, the groups being associated with ~~a respective~~ the connection to ~~allow~~ enable a user to monitor digital credentials associated with ~~[[a]]~~ the connection.
16. (Currently amended) A method of providing a service between a first computer node having a connection to a second computer node, the method comprising; providing service for ~~[[a]]~~ the second computer node from the first computer node via the connection; determining the ability of the second node to access ~~[[to]]~~ the service based upon a digital credential associated with the connection; varying the ability of the second node to access ~~[[to]]~~ the service over the connection in response to a change in the status of the digital credential so a level in the ability of the second node to access the service is varied during the connection.
17. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller is arranged to vary the level of the service during the connection.
18. (New) The node of claim 8, wherein the controller is arranged to vary the level of the service during the connection.
19. (New) The method of claim 13 further including varying the level of the service during the connection.

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20. (New) The method of claim 16 further including varying the level of the service during the connection.

21. (New) The controller of claim 12, wherein the controller is arranged to vary the level of the service during the connection.